[English]

Sugar Stockists

3438. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have imposed ban on the appointment of Sugar Stockists since 1993 at district level which supply sugar for the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification therefor;

(c) whether the number of sugar Stockists in the country have been reducing;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to restore or substitute such stockists?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) The Central Government have not imposed any ban on the appointment of wholesalers/retailers for the distribution of levy sugar.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). Information is being collected from the State Governments/UTs.

Construction of Buildings for Post Offices in Kerala, Gujarat and Rajasthan

3439. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH
SHRI N.J. RATHWA
VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices/Sub-Post Offices/ Telegraph Offices in Kerala, Gujarat and Rajasthan, district-wise;

(b) the number out of these in rented/departmental buildings in the above States, district-wise;

(c) the number of buildings being constructed/at completion stage in the above States, district-wise; and

(d) the number of buildings proposed to be constructed in the above States during 8th Plan, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) **Department of Post:**

The district wise number of Head Post Offices and Departmental Sub Post Offices in Kerala, Gujarat and Rajasthan Postal Circles is given in *Statement - I.*

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(a) and (b) **Department of Telecommunications:**

The district-wise number of Telegraph Offices and out of these the number of Telegraph Offices in rented/departmental buildings is given in *Statement-II.*

(c) **Department of Post:**

The district-wise number of Post Office buildings being constructed at completion stage in the Postal Circles of Kerala, Gujarat and Rajasthan is given in *Statement- III.*

(c) **Department of Telecommunications:**

The district-wise number of Telegraph Offices constructed/under construction is as follows:—

Name of Circles	Districts
Kerala	(i) Trichur
	(ii) Tellicherry
Gujarat	Nil
Rajasthan	Jaipur

(d) **Department of Post:**

Buildings for departmental Post Offices will be constructed depending upon the availability of funds, land and other resources.

(d) **Department of Telecommunications:**

The number of buildings proposed to be constructed in Kerala, Gujarat and Rajasthan Circles during the 8th Plan is given in *Statement-IV.*